

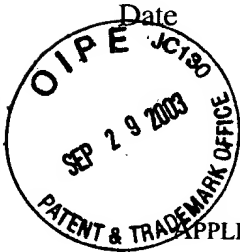
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, and is due on September 30, 2003 without any extensions. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fees are currently due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due with this submission, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 26-0290; Reference No. 96-41.

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.